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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: HARMFUL EFFECTS OF SPANISH AIR CON-
TROLLERS WORK TO RULE ON BERLIN CHARTER FLIGHTS

1. SLOWDOWN BY SPANISH ATC CONTROLLERS WHICH HAS BEEN
CONSIDERABLE NUISANCE TO AMERICAN AND BRITISH AIRLINES
OPERATING CHARTERS BETWEEN BERLIN AND VACATION RESORTS
IN SPAIN HAS APPARENTLY WORSENERED IN RECENT WEEKS.
PAN AM IS THREATENING TO CEASE FLYING CHARTERS TO SPAIN.
IT CITES THE INCONVENIENCE TO PASSENGERS WHO FREQUENTLY
MUST OVERSTAY THEIR LEAVE FROM WORK AND THE COST TO
OPERATORS OF DELAYS INCLUDING HOTEL EXPENSES, COSTS OF
KEEPING AIRCRAFT FROM FULL UTILIZATION, EXCEEDING WORK
TIMES OF CREWS, ETC. PAN AM CLAIMS COSTS ALREADY IN
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND SITUATION GETTING WORSE.
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2. ANOTHER RELATED PROBLEM IS PUBLIC RELATIONS WITH
BERLIN RESIDENTS WHO COMPLAIN OF BEING AWAKENED AT
NIGHT BY LATE ARRIVING AIRCRAFT AND RELATIONS WITH
FRENCH AIR FORCE OPERATORS OF TEGEL AIRPORT OVER NEED TO
STAY OPEN HOURS BEYOND REGULAR CURFEW TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY MADRID
EVALUATION OF PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION.
DEPARTMENT AND MADRID VIEWS ON APPROACH TO SPANISH GOV-
ERNMENT WITH VIEW TO GETTING SOME MODUS VIVENDI FOR
BERLIN FLIGHTS ARE ALSO REQUESTED. WE SUGGEST CITING
SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF AVIATION ACCESS TO BERLIN TRAVEL-
ING PUBLIC IN CONTEXT OF BERLIN'S UNIQUE ROLE IN EAST-
WEST RELATIONS. WE REQUEST FURTHER DEPARTMENT AND
MADRID VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A COORDINATED
FRENCH, UK, US APPROACH ARRANGED HERE OR IN CAPITALS.
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